



# News Release

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## **Charges withdrawn against physical therapist; order dismissed**

**OLYMPIA** — The Board of Physical Therapy and the state Department of Health have withdrawn charges against Seattle physical therapist Michael J. Shannon (PT60014317). An order prohibiting Shannon from treating female patients has been dismissed. In February of 2010, the board and the department charged Shannon with inappropriately touching two patients during treatment sessions. The charges resulted in a restriction on Shannon's license.

The board's decision to withdraw the charges is based in part on the dismissal of related criminal charges against Shannon.

Shannon's Washington license is expired. The withdrawal of charges and dismissal of the order restricting his practice mean Shannon may return to practice with no restrictions should he choose to reactivate his license.

The charges, summary restriction documents, and withdrawal are available by calling 360-236-4700.

The Board of Physical Therapy protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of physical therapists. Rules, policies, and procedures developed by the board promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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